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REDEMPTION OF UNCURRENT MONEY.

Regulations concerning the redemption of worn and tattered notes and abraded, and mutilated coins should claim the attention of the forthcoming Congress, which convenes next Monday. Instead of leaving these matters to the arbitrary ruling of departments, as now, some fixed and sensible provisions should receive the sanction of an Act of Congress. With reference to the redemption of bank notes, the present regulations are thought to be needlessly intricate. There is no need for keeping tattered notes in circulation, when the cost of paper, printing and transportation are the only expenses to be met. The Government gets the benefit of all notes absolutely lost, and the number of these is large annually, more than enough to keep the currency in good condition. A safe and simple rule for the redemption of torn notes would be to give a new note for the old one, if over half of it be presented for redemption, and to take no notice of lesser portions.

The Government has never made any provisions for the redemption of worn or mutilated silver coins. Prior to 1860, no great demand had been made for any relief of this sort. It is estimated that silver coin with ordinary use, will last for fifty years before its eligibility ceases. From 1860 to 1876 silver coin was practically demonetized in all the states except those on the Pacific coast. During the past five years it has again come into general use, and there is at least 100 per cent. more in circulation now than at any previous time in the history of the country. Many of the coins banished from the country by the war have returned. Some of these look as though they had been in use for years. Others bear evidence of having been frequently handled in the foreign countries to which they were shipped in 1861. Many of the old and some of the later coins have been mutilated in various ways by boring, hacking, etc. The laws are very severe against such mutilations, but unfortunately they contain a single word that renders them practically null and void. The law says that any one found guilty of fraudulently defacing, etc., the coins of the United States, shall be punished thus and so. The trouble is to prove that the mutilations are performed for a fraudulent purpose. It is probably the case in most instances that the mutilations are thoughtlessly made. Many coins are bored for the purpose of being worn about the person, and not for the value of the metal removed. People are generally refusing to take these mutilated coins, and it is quite right they should; but somehow it is impossible to entirely remove them from the channels of circulation. Conscientious persons who receive them generally take them to a broker, who gives five cents for a dime, fifteen cents for a quarter, and thirty-five cents for half dollars, claiming that these are the values fixed upon them by the Government. The Government has done nothing of the kind. It treats such coins as bullion, and pays the market price the same as fine silver, according to weight. The Government can afford to do better than this. The bullion value of a dollar is about eighty-five cents. There is a profit of seventeen cents on every one of these dollars put in circulation. Every man practically gives the government one dollar and seventeen cents for every two half dollars he circulates for account of the Government.

Now when these two half dollars get worn or mutilated, instead of buying them back for eighty-five cents, their bullion value, and paying for them even at that rate in overvalued coin, the Government can afford to deduct from their face value simply the bullion value of what has been lost by abrasion or mutilation, with perhaps the cost of coinage added. *S. F. Bulletin.*

Josh Billings.

I have never known a second wife but what was boss of the situation.

After a man gets to be thirty-eight years old he can't form any new habits much; the best he can do is to steer his old ones.

Any man who can swap horses, or catch fish, and not lie about it, is as pious as men ever get to be in this world.

The sassy man I ever met is a hen-pecked husband when he is away from home.

An enthusiast is an individual who believes about four times as much as any body believes.

The dog that will follow anybody ain't worth a cuss.

Those people who are trying to get to heaven on their knees will find out at last that they didn't have a thru ticket.

Too long courtships are not always judicious. The parties often tire out skoring 'fore the trot begins.

One quart of cheap whisky (the cheaper the better) judiciously applied, will do more business for the devil than the smartest deacon he has got.

I don't recollect doing any thing that I was just a little ashamed of but what somebody remembered it, and was sure, once in a while, to put me in mind of it.

Young men, learn to wait; if you undertake to set a hen before she is ready you will lose your time, and confuse the hen besides.

Nature seldom makes a fool; she simply furnishes the raw materials and lets the fellow finish the job to suit himself.

The Fight Over Dakota.

The movement for the admission of Dakota to the sisterhood of States is very decided, and it is hinted will receive the approval of the President in his annual message to Congress. It will be urged as a public measure, the Republicans to gain two Senators, and will be opposed for this reason by the Democrats. They had an unfortunate experience with Colorado in 1876. Had they not permitted Colorado to enter the Union the Returning Board could not have beaten Tilden. Dakota is growing, of course, but its population in 1881 was less than a single division of the city of Chicago. There is an immense territory which doubtless ought to be divided before Dakota becomes a State. To enter the Union is with her but a matter of time, but there are already a large number of States which enjoy in the Senate a representation entirely disproportionate to their wealth and population. Dakota oughtn't to be in too great a hurry. There is no need as yet of the thirty-ninth State. The Union is growing fast enough. Some Senatorial timber in the Territory would be disappointed by delay, but delay will be healthy. Let Dakota knock a while longer. She'll be able to come in finally. *Chicago Times.*

Advancing Education.

Answers written by the Metropolitan school board pupils to questions put by a Government Inspector: Where is Turin?

Turin is the Capitol of China; the people there live in birds' nests and has long tales. What do you know of the patriarch Abraham?—He was the father of Lot and had two wives. One was called Hismale and t'other Haggar. He kep' wan at home, and he hurried t'other into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt in the day time and a pillow of fire at night. Who was Moses?—He was an Egyptian. He lived in a bark maid of bulrushes and he kept a golden carf, and wearship brazen snakes and he het nothin' but kwales and manner for forty years. He was kort by the air of his 'ed while ridin' under a bow of tree, and he was killed by his son Abislon as he was hangin' from the bow. His end was pensive. Verbal answers—What is a miracle? Don't know. If you saw the sun shining overhead at midnight, what should you call it? The moon. But if I were to tell you it was the sun, I should say it were a lie. But suppose I declared to you that it was the sun? I should say you was very drunk. *English Paper.*

A meeting of the stockholders of the Tehantepec Intercean Railroad company, held at Pittsfield, Mass., received the statement of the President, Edward Learned, showing that about two hundred and fifty well known railroad and business men have subscribed for about \$2,000,000 of stock, of which over \$1,500,000 has been paid in; that forty miles on the Gulf end of the road are nearly completed, and are to be in running order in December; that progress has been made in preparing the Gulf harbor, and that on the Pacific side a large amount of grading has been done. Nine thousand tons of steel rails have been bought in Liverpool. The disbursements amount to \$1,400,000, and it is expected that the road will be open from the Gulf to the Pacific within two years. The total cost is estimated at \$7,000,000, and the Mexican subsidy, which is a gratuity, will reach about \$2,000,000. Of the \$6,000,000 of first mortgage seven per cent bonds about \$700,000 have been issued.

Warning to Wheat Eaters.

"How is it," asked a reporter of a prominent Stockton wheat buyer this morning, that you wheat men always spit out the grain you sample? "That is easy enough to explain," said the man of cereal proclivities. "Do you know that many a man has ruined his constitution, and in lots of instances consumption has been brought on by acquiring the habit of eating wheat? The reason is this, the husk of the wheat somehow or other finds its way into, or affects the lungs. In Mark Lane it is the custom to fine any man found eating wheat, one shilling." This will be received as news by the general public. *Stockton Mail.*

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